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BOROUGH OF FAVERSHAM

Municipal Offices,
Faversham.

October, 1968.

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,

I beg to submit my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Borough for 1967 including a report on the Port Health Area.

The Registrar General's Estimate of the Mid-Year population for 1967 was 14,260 showing an increase of 250 over the previous year.

The corrected birth and death rates of 17.7 and 10.1 are to to be compared with England and Wales which are 17.2 and 11.2 and it will be noted that over 50% of the deaths occurred in those over 75 years of age.

There were two infant deaths giving an infant mortality of 8.7. This is the lowest since 1958 and both deaths were due to developmental abnormalities.

There were 130 notifications of infectious disease of which 115 were due to measles.

The Census of 10% of the population carried out on behalf of the Ministry involving statistical enquiries in over 500 properties revealed that 40% of the households have no hot water taps, 36% have no baths and 39% have no indoor W.C.'s. This result would indicate that amenities fall far short of what should be required at the present time and it is suggested that efforts must be made to endeavour to obtain some measure of amelioration by the use of improvement area procedure.

The routine work of the Health Department has been carried out quietly and efficiently during the year and I must here pay tribute to Mr. R.A.O. Bampton your Senior Public Health Inspector who is responsible in my absence for the daily administration of the Department. Unfortunately in May Mr. H. Malloy the Additional Public Health Inspector became ill and died in January 1968.

I wish also to express my appreciation of the interest and courtesy shown by the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee during the year.

I am,
Your obedient Servant

J.T. MURPHY

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION I

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

CLIMATOLOGY

The total rainfall during the year was 25.75 inches as compared with 32.37 inches in 1966 and 27.35 inches in 1965.

Maximum and Minimum temperatures, together with the rainfall recorded each month, are shown in Appendix "A".

AREA

The Borough of Faversham covers an area of 3,070 acres, and includes the villages of Davington and Preston.

POPULATION

The Registrar General estimated the mid-year population for 1967 as 14,260 an increase of 250 from the estimated population for the previous year i.e. 14,010

NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES

The number of inhabited houses at the end of 1967 was 5,304 as compared with 5,221 at the end of 1966. Towards this increase 70 houses were provided by the Council and 94 constructed privately. During the year 11 houses were demolished. The net increase in habitable houses was therefore 83.

RATEABLE VALUE

£530,027 compared with £492,282 on the 31st December, 1966.

SUM REPRESENTED BY THE PENNY RATE

£2,125 13 6d compared with £1,969 for the financial year 1966/67.

SECTION II

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	116 (138)	101 (109)	217 (247)
Illegitimate	6 (11)	7 (4)	13 (15)
	122 (149)	108 (113)	230 (262)

BIRTH RATE

The crude birth rate per 1,000 population	16.1(18.7)
The corrected birth rate	17.7(20.6)
Rate for England and Wales	17.2(17.7)

STILL BIRTHS

Number of still births	2(4)
Number of live and still births	232(266)
Rate per 1,000 live and still briths	9.0(15.0)
Rate for England and Wales	14.8(15.4)

INFANT DEATHS

Number of infant deaths (under one year)	2(3)
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	8.7(11.4)
Rate for England and Wales	18.3(19.0)
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 legitimate live births	9.2(12.1)
Illegitimate infant mortality rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births	76.9(-)
Neo-natal mortality rate (first four weeks) oer 1,000 live births	4.3(7.6)
Number of early neo-natal deaths (first week)	1(1)
Early neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births	4.3(3.8)
Perinatal mortality rate (still births and deaths under one week combined, per 1,000 total live and still births)	12.9(18.8)

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS

Number of illegitimate live births ..... 13(15)
this is 5.6% of total live births

MATERNAL DEATHS

Number of maternal deaths (including abortion) ..... (Nil)

DEATHS

Number of deaths assignable to Faversham	213(195)
The crude death rate per 1,000 population	14.9(13.9)
The corrected death rate	10.1(9.2)
Rate for England and Wales	11.2(11.7)
Average age at death	72.7(72.5)
Average age at death for females	76.6(73.0)
Oldest death - Female	97(95)
Number of deaths at Bensted House assignable to Borough	58(42)

The following tables shows the age groups in which the deaths occurred:

TABLE. I

SEX	Und 1	1+	5+	15+	25+	35+	45+	55+	65+	Over 75	TOTALS
MALES	1	2	1	1	-	1	8	17	35	56	122
FEMALES	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	12	19	57	91

Table II shows the number of deaths, births and infant mortality rates since 1958 and Table III the causes of death during 1967 classified by the Registrar General under 36 heading on the abbreviated list of International Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death.

TABLE II

	BIRTHS			DEATHS		INFANT MORTALITY	
Year	illegitimate births	Total live births	Crude birth rate	No. of deaths	Crude death rate	Total infant deaths	Infant mortality rate
1958	5	211	17.1	195	15.8	4	18.9
1959	9	199	16.0	206	16.6	3	15.1
1960	8	236	18.9	233	18.9	6	25.4
1961	8	213	16.4	253	19.7	8	37.5
1962	13	215	16.4	237	18.0	4	18.6
1963	11	253	18.9	239	17.9	6	23.7
1964	17	226	16.7	188	10.2	4	17.7
1965	10	239	17.6	210	15.5	4	16.7
1966	15	262	18.7	195	13.9	3	11.4
1967	13	230	16.1	213	14.9	2	8.7

TABLE III

	CAUSES OF DEATH	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
2.	Tuberculosis, other	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
3.	Syphilitic disease	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
4.	Diptheria	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
5.	Whooping Cough	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
6.	Meningococcal infections	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
8.	Measles	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2(3)	1(-)	3(3)
11.	Malignant neoplasm lung, bronchus	9(5)	1(4)	10(9)
12.	Malignant neoplasm breast	-(1)	2(3)	2(4)
13.	Malignant neoplasm uterus	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	12(7)	12(10)	24(17)
15.	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
16.	Diabetes	4(1)	1(2)	5(3)
17.	Vascular Lesions of Nervous system	29(23)	27(28)	56(51)
18.	Coronary disease, angina	17(16)	9(13)	26(29)
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	1(2)	1(3)	2(5)
20.	Other heart disease	17(10)	17(20)	34(30)
21.	Other circulatory disease	5(3)	7(8)	12(11)
22.	Influenza	-(-)	-(1)	-(1)
23.	Pneumonia	6(2)	3(6)	9(8)
24.	Bronchitis	8(7)	3(-)	11(7)
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	1(-)	2(-)	3(-)
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-(2)	-(-)	-(2)
27.	Gastritis, enteritis, diarrhoea	-(-)	1(1)	1(1)
28.	Nephritis and Nephrosis	1(-)	-(-)	1(-)
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
31.	Congenital malformations	1(-)	-(1)	1(1)
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4(5)	4(7)	8(12)
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	1(-)	-(-)	1(-)
34.	All other accidents	2(1)	-(-)	2(1)
35.	Suicide	1(-)	-(-)	1(-)
36.	Homicide and operations of war	1(-)	-(-)	1(-)
	TOTALS	122(88)	91(107)	213(195)

Particulars in regard to infant deaths occurring during the year are as follows:-

TABLE IV

CAUSES OF DEATH	SEX	AGE	PLACE OF DEATH
1a. Prematurity	F	8 hours	hospital
1a. Congenital hydrocephalus and congenital meyelemeningocele	M	6 months	home

SECTION III

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

NOTIFICATION

The number of infectious disease cases notified during 1967 was 130 being 42 less than in the previous year, i.e. 172 cases in 1966.

GENERAL

The age distribution of cases occurring is shown in Table V and total number of infectious diseases occurring and the number admitted to hospital and total deaths from diseases are shown in Table VI. Table VII gives a resumé of the last ten years.

TABLE V

Disease	-1	-5	-15	-20	-30	-40	-50	-60	Over 60	TOTAL
Scarlet Fever	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Dysentery	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Acute Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	7	62	45	1	-	-	-	-	-	115
Pneumonia	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
Whooping Cough	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis Pulmonary	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	4
Tuberculosis Non-Pulmonary	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	3

TABLE VI

Disease	No. of Cases 1967	1966	Admission to Hospital or Sanatorium.	Deaths
Scarlet Fever	4	4	-	-
Measles	115	140	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	2	3	-	-
Dysentery	1	-	-	-
Encephalitis	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	1	15	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	5	-	-
Tuberculosis Pulmonary	4	4	2	1
Non-pulmonary	3	1	2	-
TOTALS	130	172	4	1

TABLE VII

DISEASE	'58	'59	'60	'61	'62	'63	'64	'65	'66	'67
Scarlet Fever	15	9	15	10	8	3	3	2	4	4
Whooping Cough	3	13	29	-	-	3	36	-	15	1
Measles	360	46	12	526	76	118	81	576	140	115
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Pneumonia	24	27	3	15	4	2	3	5	3	2
Food Poisoning	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	2	-	-	-	-	3	11	2	-	1

TUBERCULOSIS

TABLE VIII

YEAR	No. of Primary notifications received		DEATHS		Death rate per 10,000 population	
	PUL.	NON-PUL	PUL	NON-PUL	PUL.	NON-PUL
1957	4	1	1	-	0.8	-
1958	4	-	-	-	-	-
1959	8	1	-	-	-	-
1960	5	-	-	-	-	-
1961	3	1	-	-	-	-
1962	5	3	1	1	0.8	0.8
1963	6	2	1	-	0.75	-
1964	4	1	1	-	0.74	-
1965	1	1	-	-	-	-
1966	4	1	-	-	-	-
1967	4	3	1	-	0.7	-

Tuberculosis Register

The number of types of cases at present in the Borough and on the Tuberculosis Register are shown in Table IX

TABLE IX

	PULMONARY M	PULMONARY F	NON-PUL M	NON-PUL F	TOTALS
On Tuberculosis Register 1/1/67	38	14	6	4	62
Notified in Borough	1	3	3	-	7
Trans. to Borough	-	-	-	-	-
Trans. from Borough	-	1	-	-	1
* Deaths	-	1	-	-	1
Recovered	1	-	-	1	2
Balance Remaining on Register 31/12/67	38	15	9	3	65

* These deaths occurred from causes other than Tuberculosis.

Chest Clinic, South Road

Set out below are details of cases of tuberculosis under treatment or supervision of the above clinic, at the 31st December, 1967.

(a) Number of cases of tuberculosis (whether notified or not)

RESPIRATORY				NON-RESPIRATORY			
Men	Women	Children	Total	Men	Women	Children	Total
59	60	5	124	9	6	6	21

(b) Number of cases of respiratory tuberculosis (whether notified or not) included in (a) new to the clinic (but excluding transfer from other clinics).

Total area of disease not exceeding	NOT BACTERIOLOGICALLY CONFIRMED				BACTERIOLOGICALLY CONFIRMED			
	Men	Women	Children	Total	Men	Women	Children	Total
$\frac{1}{3}$ lung	1	-	2	3	-	2	-	2
$\frac{2}{3}$ lung	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
exceeding $\frac{2}{3}$ lung	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Totals	1	1	2	4	-	2	-	2

(c) Number of cases of non-respiratory tuberculosis (whether notified or not) included in (a) new to the clinic (but excluding transfers from other clinics) during the year ended 31st December, 1967 3

(d) Number of cases included in (a) whose broncho pulmonary secretion was positive during the year 5

Clinic Attendance

I am indebted to Dr. O. Clarke, for the following particulars regarding patients from the Borough:

(a)	Number of patients from the Borough of Faversham. who attended any of the Chest Clinics during 1966 (This includes contacts, etc.) ...	278
(b)	Total number of attendances during the year by the above patients ...	554
(c)	Number of patients from the Borough who received treatment at Keycol Hospital ...	6

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

Vaccination against Poliomyelitis

The County Medical Officer reports that during the period the following have received vaccination against poliomyelitis:

TABLE X

YEAR OF BIRTH	THIRD AND FOURTH DOSE (SALK and ORAL)	THREE ORALS (COMPLETE COURSE)
1967	58	-
1966	182	-
1965	14	-
1964	7	-
1963	5	7
1962 - 1960	13	203
1959 - 1951	1	2
TOTAL	280	212

Table XI and XII show the diptheria and whooping cough immunisation and smallpox vaccination figures for 1966, based on returns submitted to the County Medical Officer.

TABLE XI

Year of Birth	Primary		Reinforcing	
	Triple	Dipth./Tet	Triple	Dipth./Tet
1967	80	9	-	-
1966	121	3	21	4
1965	3	1	103	12
1964	-	-	21	7
1963	1	-	7	6
1960-62	1	1	33	139
1951-59	-	-	1	10
Total	206	14	186	178

TABLE XII

Primary Vaccination 1 year	Re-Vaccination School Age but Under 8 years
208	4

SECTION IV

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES

Local Authority Health Services under the National Health Service Act are provided and administered by the Kent County Council. These Services include the Care of Mother and young children, the provision of Midwives, Health Visiting and Home Nursing, Vaccination and Immunisation Prevention of Illness, Care and After-care, and Domestic Health Services.

Chest Clinics and the care of Tuberculosis patients are the responsibility of the Regional Hospital Board, as also is Mental Welfare.

Various Clinics in connection with these Services are held as follows:-

Clinics and Sessions

(a) Queen's Hall

	Day	Time
Child Welfare	Tuesday and Friday	2 - 4 p.m.

(Immunisation and Vaccination are carried out at the Child Welfare Clinic on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, if required)

(b) School Clinic

Soloman's Lane

Ante-Natal Clinic	Friday afternoon	2 - 4 p.m.
Relaxation and Mothercraft Classes..	Fri morning	10 - 12 noon

Minor Ailment Clinic	(Wednesday (2nd and 4th (Wednesday of month	3.30 - 4.30 p.m.
Dental Gas Clinic	Tuesday	10.30 - 12 noon
Dental	(Tuesday	1.30 - 4 p.m.
	(Thursday	9.30 - 12 noon
		1.30 - 4 p.m.

Chest Clinic

South Road ..... Thursday (by appointment)

Cases for X-ray are referred to Canterbury Chest Clinic as and when required.

(d) Domestic Help

Application can be made at the Kent County Welfare Office at 44, East Street, Faversham, Monday - Friday.

(e) Psychiatric Clinic

This Clinic is held every Thursday at 5 p.m. Appointments are made through St. Augustine's Hospital.

School Health

Based on the report of the Principal School Medical Officer for the year 1967.

The following is a summary of the returns for 1967 for the area comprising the Borough of Faversham and Queenborough, the Urban Districts of Sheerness and Sittingbourne and Milton Regis and the Rural Districts of Sheppey and Swale.

TABLE XIII

Routine School Medical Inspections				
	Physical Condition of Pupils Inspected			
	Satisfactory		Unsatisfactory	
No. of Pupils inspected (1)	No. (2)	% of Col. 1 (3)	No. (4)	% of Col. 1 (5)
3,656	3,649	99.8	7	0.2

In addition 1,022 children received tests of vision and hearing only.

TABLE XIV

Number of Special Inspections	96
Number of Re-Inspections	1,546

TABLE XV

Number found to require treatment	785

TABLE XVI

Infestation with Vermin

1.	Total number of examinations of pupils in schools by the school nurse or other authorised persons..	10,509
2.	Total number of individual pupils found to be infested	63
3.	Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54(2), Education Act, 1944)	27

TABLE XVII.

Treatment of Pupils

Group I - Minor Ailments (Excluding Uncleanliness)

		Number of Cases Treated
A.	Skin	
	Ringworm - Scalp	Nil
	Other skin diseases	3
B.	Other	
	Eye defects ..... (External and other, but excluding errors of refraction, squint and cases admitted to Hospital)	3
	Ear Defects	37
	Miscellaneous ..... (e.g. minor injuries, bruises, sores, etc)	44
	Total	87

Group II - Defective Vision and Squint (Excluding Eye Diseases treated as Minor Ailments)

		Number of Cases treated
1.	Errors of Refraction (including squint)	878
2.	Other defects or diseases of the eyes ..... (Excluding those recorded in Group I)	Nil
	Total	878
3.	Number of pupils for whom spectacles were prescribed	391

TABLE XVIII

Dental Inspection and Treatment

1.	Number of pupils inspected by the Authority's Dental Officers		5843
2.	Number found to require treatment		3656
3.	Number offered treatment		3599
4.	Number actually treated		2376
5.	Number of attendances made by pupils for treatment		7757
6.	Half days devoted to:		
	A. Periodic (School) Inspections	24	
	B. Treatment	1202	
	Total (6)	1226	
7.	Fillings		
	A. Permanent Teeth	3301	
	B. Temporary Teeth	894	
	Total (7)	4195	
8.	Number of Teeth filled		
	A. Permanent Teeth	3041	
	B. Temporary Teeth	723	
	Total (8)	3764	
9.	Extractions		
	A. Permanent Teeth	458	
	B. Temporary Teeth	1526	
	Total (9)	1984	
10.	Administration of general anaesthetics for extraction		891
11.	Other Operations		
	Permanent and Temporary Teeth		1935

SECTION V

REMOVAL OF AGED PERSONS

National Assistance Act, 1948

Section 47

National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951

No aged persons removed under the provisions of the above Acts during 1967.

SECTION VI

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Staff

Owing to the prolonged illness of Mr. Malloy (died January 1968) the Department was without the services of an additional public health inspector from May to the end of the year. The difficulties were further aggravated when the Senior P.H.I. became ill in August. Thanks to the invaluable assistance given by the Swale Rural District Council Inspectors and by Mr. Hurn (retired P.H.I.) the essential day to day work of the Department was dealt with. Routine inspection work of all type of premises, including the Oare Offensive trade factories, has of necessity been very much reduced owing to these staff difficulties.

Water Supply

The responsibility for the supply of main water to the Borough rests with the Mid-Kent Water Company. The local office for the Faversham area is at 41, Stone Street.

No major works were carried out during the year but there were minor extensions of the main to provide supplies to the new housing estates.

The water company took thirty five samples of water for bacteriological examination, these were satisfactory with the exception of one suspicious sample from Davington which proved entirely satisfactory on re-sampling. Six chemical samples were also taken in the Faversham area and were satisfactory.

Drainage and Sewerage

An extension of the sewerage system to the Brogdale Road, Painters Forstal and Whitehill area was the result of a joint scheme produced by the Borough in conjunction with the Swale Rural District Council.

A decision is still awaited on the modernisation scheme for the sewage works following a Ministry Public Enquiry resulting in a request for further technical information.

A scheme for the drainage of the Love Lane and Macknade area has been prepared and tenders for this work have been invited.

A relief sewerage scheme has also been prepared to relieve the overloading of the Brents sewer.

Refuse Collection and Disposal

There has been no change in the method of refuse disposal during the year. Refuse is tipped into the disused workings of the Ace, Sand and Gravel Company at Ham Road.

Further small extensions to the areas coming within the paper sack scheme have taken place, mainly on the new housing estates.

Public Conveniences

The public conveniences within the Borough are maintained and supervised by the Borough Engineer and Surveyors Department and the arrangements which existed in 1966 have continued.

Public Swimming Bath

The Swimming Pool opened during the summer months and once again proved to be a popular attraction and was well used.

A number of works of repair and improvement were carried out to the surrounds to the pool and in the changing rooms before the season opened. The Management Committee had been asked to do this work to improve conditions which might otherwise have fostered the spread of plantar wart infection. Although no precise figures are available the Pool Superintendant is of the opinion that there was a considerable reduction in this type of infection and this improvement has continued during the 1968 season.

During the season 57,905 people paid for admission to the pool as compared with 55,270 in 1966 and 490 season and weekly tickets were issued as compared to 422 in 1966.

In addition the pool was well used by schools for swimming instruction to pupils.

Regular routine testing and sampling of the swimming bath water was carried out by the Public Health Department and the Public Health Laboratory.

School Sanitation

All schools in the area are connected to the main drainage system. No complaints were received during the year about sanitary accommodation in schools.

Hop Pickers Camps

The number of hop pickers coming into the area for the picking season continues to decrease as more and more use is made of machine pickers.

Mortuary Accommodation

Mortuary facilities are provided at the Faversham Cottage Hospital.

SECTION VII

Inspection and Superivison of food

MILK.

The premises registered as a dairy in the Borough continued in use during the year and operated a pasteurisation plant for milk being distributed in and around Faversham.

There are now thirty premises registered for the retail distribution of milk.

ICE CREAM

Fifty eight premises are registered for the sale of ice cream a decrease of three on the previous year.

BAKEHOUSES

There are four bakehouses in use in the Borough no complaints were received concerning bread or these premises.

MARKET STALLS

Although the overall number of stalls using the market place has increased the number distributing food and food products remains fairly constant.

The Food Hygiene (Market Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations 1966 came into operation on the 1st January, 1967. The Regulations apply to private businesses and vehicles as well as to market stalls. In order to bring the standard of washing facilities up to the required level the Council installed deep sinks with hot water supplies in the buildings beneath the Old Town Hall.

FOOD FACTORIES

On co-operation with the management of a meat canning factory, which commenced operating in 1966, a scheme was started whereby faecal specimens were obtained from every member of the staff for laboratory examination in order to eliminate any possibility of a food poisoning organism carrier being employed within the factory. One hundred and nineteen specimens were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory and all were reported as negative.

Health education talks were given to the staff and films were shown of food poisoning outbreaks.

FOOD PREMISES

TABLE XIX

PREMISES	NUMBER
Butchers	14
Grocers	13
Fishmongers	3
Fish Fryers	5
Bakers and Confectioners	16
Greengrocers	8
Dairies	1
Cafe and Teashops	8
Hotels	3
General Shops	35
Premises where ice cream is sold	58
Preserved Foods	32
Supermarkets	3
TOTAL	199

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

The following details of samples taken in the District under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 are supplied by courtesy of the Chief Inspector Weights and Measures Department, Kent County Council.

ARTICLE	NUMBER
Milk	14
Tinned meats, meat, fish, fish and meat pastes	4
Sugar, sugar confectionery, flour confectionery, chocolate products, cereals	8
Jams, preserves, honey, jellies	3
Dried fruit, raw fruit, vegetables, tinned fruit and vegetables	1
Pickles, sauces, vinegar, condiments	9
Drugs, medicines	5
Ice Cream	1
Beer, wines, spirits	12
Miscellaneous	3
	60

UNSOUND FOOD

The various foodstuffs condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption were as follows:-

(a) 224 tins assorted foodstuffs;
(b) 40 lbs Liver;
10 lbs Argentine ox liver;
34 lbs beef;
79 lbs ox cheeks;
6 lbs corned beef;
55 lbs chilled rump;
12 lbs cooked ham;
(c) 30,992 trays Spanish melons;
329 cartons Dutch carrots;
200 cartons Jersey tomatoes;
85 trays Spanish grapes;
6 bags onions;
50 bags walnuts;
23,719 nets Cyprus carrots;
29 trays French carrots;
17,493 nets Spanish onions;
63 boxes Outspan grapefruit;
5,832 sacks potatoes;
58 boxes peppers;
9 trays Dutch melons;
12 x 8 oz packets figs;
18 x 4 oz packets figs;
533 packets frozen foods;
65 trays Italian grapes;
11,025 cucumbers;
91 boxes Spanish oranges;
929 cases melons;
139 cases American celery;
20 cartons Dutch lettuce;
12 cases Puerto Rican Pineapple;
143 boats tomatoes;
(d) 3 stone dogfish.

During the course of the year it will be seen that large quantities of foodstuffs were condemned as unfit for human consumption and these quantities reflect the amount of time which the Department has to spend on this type of work. The major amount of tonnage condemned concerned imported fruit and vegetables which are often delayed in transit for one reason or another.

SECTION VIII

GENERAL PUBLIC HEALTH WORKS

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The number of infectious disease cases notified during 1967 was 130 of which is a decrease of 42 over the previous year. Advice on current and terminal disinfection was given when requested but as the cases were all of mild character no disinfection was carried out by Council staff.

OFFENSIVE TRADES

During the year 189 visits to the three factories at Care Creek were made by the Public Health Inspectors mainly for the purpose of routine inspection.

Complaints received about the nuisance from these factories are always dealt with as a matter of urgency and a visit is made to the area as quickly as possible. Most of the trouble arises through faulty maintenance or operation of equipment and the poor quality of raw materials.

The owners of one of the factories were prosecuted for an offence against the Councils Offensive Trade Byelaws on the 30th March. The offence concerned the operation of the condenser plant and the company pleaded guilty. The Court imposed the maximum fine of £5.

Efforts were made during the year to get the factories concerned connected to the main sewer and for a main water supply to be laid on, but without avail.

LICENSED PREMISES

Thirty three routine inspections were made to licensed premises during the year and in general it was only necessary to draw the attention of the owners to defects of a minor nature.

PETROLEUM

All the premises which have petroleum installations were inspected during the year and a number of notices were served on the owners for minor contraventions of the "conditions" which are imposed by this Authority.

FIREWORKS

Shops and premises where fireworks were stored or sold were visited during the fire ork season the safety standard of storage was generally satisfactory.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

During 1967 three additional premises were registered under the provisions of the above Act.

The following table indicates the overall position of premises which are at present registered in the Borough.

TABLE XX

	Premises Reg. during year.	Total reg. at end of year	No. receiving general insp.	No. of persons employed.
Offices	-	27	14	294
Retail Shops	2	110	54	477
Wholesale Shop, Warehouses	1	6	3	66
Catering Establishments	-	4	4	18
Canteens	-	-	-	1
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	3	147	75	856
		TOTAL	MALES	354
		TOTAL	FEMALES	502

In all some 324 visits were made to registered premises for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of the Act.

Owners and occupiers have again responded in an encouraging way to notices requiring work to be carried out.

NOISE

During the year there was an increase in the number of noise complaints received by the Department. The type of complaints varied from the noise of family quarrels being heard through thin partition walls to industrial noise arising from various factory processes.

Although meters are used by the Departments to measure noise levels to a reasonably accurate degree, in the end the judgement. as to whether a noise can be classed as a nuisance depends upon the individual effect on the person making the complaint. The sensitivity of the human ear to noise varies considerably from person to person.

RODENT AND INFESTATION CONTROL

The services of a part time rodent operator were used during the year to carry out treatments and surveys. Complaints were dealt with on a day to day basis.

A total of 21 wasps nests were dealt with by the Operator as compared with 9 in 1966.

The disinfestation services of the Department were used to treat minor infestation of insects such as fleas, cockroaches, silver fish and bed bugs.

TABLE XXI

	TYPE OF PROPERTY	
	Non Agricultural	Agricultural
Properties other than sewers (1) No. of properties in District	5,764	27
(2) A. Total No. of Properties (and nearby premises) inspected following notification.	161	-
B. No. infested by (1) rats (2) mice	109 28	- -
(3) A. Total no. of properties for rats and mice, for reasons other than notification	31	-
B. No. infested by (1) rats (2) mice	13 18	- -

SECTION IX

HOUSING

1. The following is a summary of action taken under the Housing and Public Health Acts during the year:

(a) Inspections of dwelling-houses for housing defects 85

(b) Number of houses found to be in any respect unfit for human habitation 54

(c) Number of houses found to be unfit for human habitation and incapable of repair at reasonable expense 6

(d) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied by informal action 51

(e) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal orders 2

(f) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which demolition orders were made 3

(g) Number of houses demolished by formal action 11

(h) Number of houses closed under Section 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) and 26 Housing Act 1961 2

(i) Number of houses closed under Section 17(3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957 ..... -

(j) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18 Housing Act, 1957 -

2. APPLICATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND CONVERSION GRANTS

37 schemes were submitted and approved, for which £9,580 (£ 11,260) was approved for grant under the discretionary scheme.

17 Standard Grant schemes were approved to a total cost of £2,200 (£3,720)

3. DISPLACEMENT

During the year 8 families (24 people) were displaced as the result of formal action under the Housing Acts.

PROVISION OF HOUSES

The following table shows the number of houses built each year since 1949.

TABLE XXII

YEAR	COUNCIL HOUSES Permanent	POLICE HOUSES	PRIVATE ENTERPRISE	TOTAL
1949	71	5	10	86 ~~63~~
1950	61	-	11	72
1951	80	2	8	90
1952	66	-	7	73
1953	60	-	10	70
1954	72	5	3	80
1955	80	-	8	88
1956	52	-	5	57
1957	62	-	24	86
1958	42	-	26	68
1959	52	-	11	63
1960	38	-	41	79
1961	26	-	76	102
1962	14	-	102	116
1963	22	-	61	83
1964	31	-	35	66
1965	-	-	135	135
1966	20	-	148	168
1967	10	-	94	104
TOTALS	859	12	815	1686 ~~1763~~

CENSUS 1966

The results of the 10% sample of population were revealed by figures which became available in 1967. The most interesting facts which emerged for the Faversham area were those which concerned the provision of basic amenities.

It was found that an average 40 per cent of the households in Faversham have no hot water taps, 36 per cent have no bath and 39 per cent of the W.C.'s are apprached by entrances outside the main buildings.

It is evident from these figures that there is still a long way to to before every household in the Town is provided with the basic amenities which are normally associated with present day housing accommodation.

SECTION X

FACTORY ADMINISTRATION

Particulars in respect of Factory administration are shown in the form prescribed by the Minister, as follows:

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTION for the purpose of provision as to health.

PREMISES	Number on Register	NUMBER OF Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(I) Factories in which Sec. 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	1	-	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by Local Authority	96	15	2	-
(3) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by Local Authority (including out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	97	15	2	-

2. Cases in which defects were found:

PARTICULARS	Found	Remedied	Referred	
			To H.M.	by H.M. Inspector
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.)	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2.)	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3.)	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.)	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.) (a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

Nature of work	Nos of workers in August list	No of cases of default in sending lists	No. of prosecutions for failing to supply list	No of instances work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing Apparel-Making etc.	3	-	-	-	-	-
All others	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	3	-	-	-	-	-

SECTION XI

FAVERSHAM PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

There has been no alteration during the year in the area of the port which for the sanitary administration is divided into two sections, viz, (a) the Eastern Section (Faversham Creek) and (b) The Western Section (Milton Creek).

Section I

No change.

Section II - Amount of Shipping entering the district during the year;

SHIPS FROM	NUMBER	TONNAGE	NUMBER INSPECTED		Number of Ships reported as having had during voyage infectious disease aboard
			M.O.H.	P.H.I.	
(1) EASTERN SECTIONS					
(a) Coastwise	-	-	Nil	Nil	Nil
(b) Foreign	31	8,952	Nil	4	Nil
(c) Lighters and Barges	408	38,139	Nil	3	Nil
(2) WESTERN SECTION					
(a) Coastwise	284	20,619	Nil	6	Nil
(b) Foreign	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Lighters and Barges	68	5,948	Nil	6	Nil
TOTALS	791	73,658	Nil	19	Nil

Section III - Character of Shipping and Trade during the year

(1) Passenger Traffic ..... Nil

(2) Cargo traffic:

(a) EASTERN SECTION

Principal Imports ..... Petrol, Crude Oil, Grain, Timber and Fertilizers.

Principal Exports ..... Nil

(b) WESTERN SECTION

Principal Imports ..... Sand, China Clay, Peas, Beans and Tomato Puree.

Principal Exports ..... Paper

(3) Principal Ports from which Ships arrive:

(a) EASTERN SECTION

Coastwise ..... Thames Estuary

Foreign ..... Rotterdam, Antwerp, Ymiden, Bremen, Vlaardingen & Sweden

(b) WESTERN SECTION

Coastwise ..... London & Brightlingsea

Foreign ..... Nil

Section IV - Inland Traffic

Nil

Section V - Water Supply

No Change.

Section VI - Public Health (Ships Regulations) 1952

No change

Section VII - Smallpox

No change

Section VIII - Venereal Diseases

No change

Section IX - Cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases dealt with during the year

Nil

Section X - Malaria

Nil

Section XI - Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague

Nil

Section XII - Measures against rodents in ships from Foreign Ports

Nil

Section XIII - Inspection of Ships for Nuisances

No nuisances were found on ships during the year.

Section XIV - Public Health (Shellfish Regulations)

No change

Section XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens

No change

Section XVI - Arrangements for burial on shore of persons who have died on board from infectious disease

No change

APPENDIX 'A'

Readings recorded at the Borough Sewerage Works

	Rainfall (inches)		Temperatures (degrees F.)			
			Maximum		Minimum	
	1967	1966	1967	1966	1967	1966
January	1.42	2.00	55	57	20	7
February	1.7	2.96	57	57	25	32
March	1.82	0.63	63	59	29	30
April	2.75	2.53	74	67	29	33
May	3.86	1.11	79	82	29	38
June	1.47	2.18	80	89	41	44
July	0.57	5.30	89	85	48	42
August	2.12	2.02	91	81	46	43
September	2.45	0.67	76	80	40	42
October	3.45	6.63	78	70	32	40
November	2.41	3.32	58	60	26	30
December	1.73	3.02	54	56	19	24
	25.75	32.37				

APPENDIX "B"

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT - VISITS

PUBLIC HEALTH

Complaints re Houses	54
Other Complaints	74
Re-visits	43
Port Health Visits	7
Offensive Trades	189
Tents, Vans and Sheds	10
Atmospheric Pollution	5
Schools	3
Places of Entertainment	5
Outworkers	1
Water Supply	5
Drainage	148
Shops (non food)	15
Infectious disease	6
Miscellaneous P.H. Visits	72

HOUSING

Housing Acts	12
Re-visits	19
Verminous premises	9
Rent Act, 1957	3

FOOD PREMISES

Bakers and Confectioners	28
Butchers	64
Canteens	22
Dairies and Milk Distributors	12
Fishmongers and Poulterers	19
Fried Fish Shops	17
Food Preparation Premises	17
Grocers	72
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	31
Market Stalls	33
Restaurants	42
Licensed Premises	33
Clubs	6
Wholesalers	12
Food Factories	44
Miscellaneous Food Premises	78

FACTORIES

With Power 15
Non-Power ..... -

GENERAL

Rats and mice 56
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 324
Petroleum 88
Fireworks 7

SAMPLES

Faecal Specimens 119
Ice-Cream 4
Water 6

	O.S. & R. Act	Public Health Act	Food Hygiene Reg.	Petroleum Act	Factories Act
Informal Notices served	3	18	16	22	2
Informal Notices complied with	4	14	16	11	2
Statutory Notices served	-	-	-	-	-
Statutory Notices complied with	-	-	-	-	-